

State of play of transparency related recommendations from the 10th Triennial Review¹

No.	Topic	Recommendation	Follow up actions by the Committee/Secretariat
1	ONLINE TOOLS:	With respect to online tools, to request the Secretariat to explore additional features on ePing, including:	
		A comment button in ePing, so that those interested in commenting on a notification can be directed to the contact information for their Enquiry Point.	
		A notification function allowing Members, on a voluntary basis, to notify information or resources additional to those required by the regular notification obligations.	
		To continue trialling the use of IT tools to generate unofficial translations of notified documents that are reliable, and enhance ePing functionalities in this area.	The Secretariat made available a new function for requesting unofficial translations through ePing in March 2025.
		Additional options to send a group of notifications to one or multiple recipients	

¹ G/TBT/56, paras. 3.11.

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2	FUNCTIONING OF ENQUIRY POINTS	With respect to functioning of enquiry points:	
		Update the Enquiry Point Guide building upon the information gathered in developing the good practice guide on how to comment on a notification	
3	SUBMISSION OF NOTIFICATIONS	With respect to submission of notifications (format and guidelines):	
		Hold further training activities for sharing best practices on product coverage in notifications.	
4	PROVISION OF TRANSLATIONS	With respect to provision of translations:	
		To request the Secretariat to continue exploring the use of IT tools in order to provide unofficial reliable translations of notified documents, including by developing a functionality in ePing which Enquiry Points could use to indicate when, in their view, an unofficial translation of a notified document is "verified"	The Secretariat made available a new function for requesting unofficial translations through ePing in March 2025.
		Encourage Members to strive towards providing translations of the measures they notify into one of the WTO official languages, upon request, within their capacity limits.	
		Encourage Members to share documents in formats that facilitate translation (not image files).	

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5	STATEMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION	With respect to statements on implementation and administration (Article 15.2):	
		Share experiences on submitting Article 15.2 notifications and implementing the TBT Agreement nationally.	This topic will be taken up at the 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange on 24 June 2025.
6	TBT AND SPS NOTIFICATIONS	With respect to TBT and SPS notifications:	
		Share experiences on challenges in determining whether a measure falls under the TBT or SPS Agreement, in collaboration with the SPS Committee.	
7	TBT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS	With respect to TBT terms and their definitions:	
		Request the Secretariat to explore the possibility of making the "ISO/IEC Guide 2: 1991, General Terms and Their Definitions Concerning Standardization and Related Activities" referred to in Annex 1 of the TBT Agreement available on the TBT Gateway page on the WTO website, and any relevant updates to such guide.	ISO/IEC definitions and updates were added to the WTO website in March 2025.
8	OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE	With respect to transparency:	

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		Hold once a year an informal meeting to exchange experiences on practices followed for the handling of comments to TBT notifications. These discussions would provide an opportunity for Members to exchange experiences, including case studies, and explore ways of enhancing ePing and its use by Members in relation to the handling of comments	For 2025, the programme of the 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange will cover this topic.
9	SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT	With respect to enhancing the use of flexibilities:	
		discuss the current use of flexibilities in the notification process by developing and least-developed country Members;	This topic will be taken up on 24 June 2025 at the Thematic Session on Special and Differential Treatment and the 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange .
		explore ways in which to optimize the use of digital tools – notably ePing and eAgenda – to further facilitate the participation of all Members in the work of the Committee;	
		hold a thematic session on the experience of developing and least-developed country Members in: (i) using flexibilities in the TBT Agreement and the Decisions and Recommendations of the TBT Committee ; (ii) engaging with notifications and submitting or responding to comments; (iii) raising and addressing specific trade concerns (STCs); and, (iv) engaging with national stakeholders and cross agency coordination.	This topic will be taken up on 24 June 2025 at the Thematic Session on Special and Differential Treatment and the 11th Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange .